

Senate Study Bill 3070

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the content of immunizations, and making a
2 penalty applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.39A IMMUNIZATIONS ==
1 2 CONTENT.
1 3 Beginning January 1, 2005, immunizations administered in
1 4 this state shall not contain any mercury or other
1 5 preservatives containing heavy metals, including but not
1 6 limited to thimerosal.
1 7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 514C.21 COVERAGE FOR IMMUNIZATIONS
1 8 == MERCURY OR OTHER PRESERVATIVES.
1 9 1. Third-party payment provider contracts or policies
1 10 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
1 11 state on or after January 1, 2005, that provide reimbursement
1 12 for immunizations shall provide reimbursement for
1 13 immunizations not containing mercury or other preservatives
1 14 containing heavy metals at the same rate provided for
1 15 immunizations containing mercury or other preservatives
1 16 containing heavy metals prior to January 1, 2005.
1 17 2. For the purposes of this section, "third-party payment
1 18 provider contracts or policies" includes:
1 19 a. Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
1 20 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.
1 21 b. An individual or group hospital or medical service
1 22 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.
1 23 c. An individual or group health maintenance organization
1 24 contract regulated under chapter 514B.
1 25 d. An organized delivery system licensed by the director
1 26 of public health.

EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill prohibits immunizations administered in Iowa from
1 29 containing mercury or other preservatives containing heavy
1 30 metals, including but not limited to thimerosal, beginning
1 31 January 1, 2005. Under this portion of the Code, a violation
1 32 of the section is a simple misdemeanor which is punishable by
1 33 a fine of at least \$50 but not to exceed \$500 and, in lieu of
1 34 or in addition to the fine, may be punishable by imprisonment
1 35 not to exceed 30 days.

2 1 The bill also requires third-party payment provider
2 2 contracts or policies delivered, issued for delivery,
2 3 continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1,
2 4 2005, that provide reimbursement for immunizations, to provide
2 5 reimbursement for immunizations not containing mercury or
2 6 other preservatives containing heavy metals at the same rate
2 7 provided for immunizations containing mercury or other
2 8 preservatives containing heavy metals prior to January 1,
2 9 2005.

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